AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Before "**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**" on page 1 of the application, please add the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/060,531, filed January 30, 2002.

Please replace the two contiguous paragraphs beginning on page 6, line 9 with the following replacement paragraphs, which contain markings to show changes relative to the previous version of these paragraphs:

The basket assembly fixture **10** further comprises an elevator ~~lifting beam raising means~~ **44** for alternatively raising and lowering both ends of each lifting beam **14**. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the elevator ~~lifting beam raising means~~ **44** comprises ~~are provided by~~ hydraulic jacks **46**, one disposed beneath each end of each lifting beam **14**. Each jack **46** operates via holes (not shown) drilled within one of the horizontal stanchion beams **28**. In one embodiment, each jack **46** operates against a slidable pin (not shown) which is vertically disposed within one of the holes in one of the horizontal stanchion beams **28**.

The basket assembly fixture **10** further comprises a lifting beam lateral shifter ~~shifting means~~ **48** for laterally shifting both ends of each lifting beam **14**. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the lifting beam lateral shifter ~~shifting means~~ **48** comprises ~~are provided by~~ horizontally disposed hydraulic jacks **50** disposed within each of the ends of each of the horizontal stanchion beams **28**. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the horizontally disposed jacks **50** operate against push

plates **52** which slide within slots **54** disposed within the upper surface **30** of the horizontal stanchion beam **28**.

Please replace the two contiguous paragraphs beginning on page 7, line 1 with the following replacement paragraphs, which contain markings to show changes relative to the previous version of these paragraphs:

The basket assembly fixture **10** further comprises transverse beam elevator ~~lifting means~~ **58** for alternatively raising and lowering both ends of the transverse beam **16**. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the transverse beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **58** comprises ~~are provided by~~ a pair of vertically disposed hydraulic jacks **60**.

Typically, the basket assembly fixture **10** further comprises an aligner ~~alignment measuring means~~ **62** for aligning the horizontal and vertical disposition of both of the pairs of lifting beams **14** (see Figure 7). In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the aligner ~~alignment measuring means~~ **62** comprises a pair of tight wire assemblies **64**. Each tight wire assembly **64** comprises (i) a length of wire **66** disposed above the base **12** and parallel to the longitudinal axis **36** of the base **12**, and (ii) tightening means **68** for drawing the length of wire **66** taut. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, each tight wire assembly **64** comprises a length of wire **66** drawn taut between a pair of opposed vertical tight wire support posts **70**. Each vertical tight wire support post **70** comprises a rotatable sheave **72** to minimize damage to each length of wire **66**. The tightening means **68** are provided by a pair of weights **74**, each disposed at one end of each length of wire **66**. Each such weight **74** is capable of drawing each length of wire **66** taut such that each length of wire **66** is nearly perfectly linear. In a typical embodiment, each length of wire **66** is made from a length of 0.035 inches steel wire and the weight of each weight **74** is about 30 pounds. The height and the placement of

the vertical tight wire support posts **70** are carefully determined so that a length of wire **66** drawn between opposing sheaves **72** is nearly perfectly horizontal and nearly perfectly parallel to the longitudinal axis **36** of the base **12**.

Please replace the four contiguous paragraphs beginning on page 8, line 17 with the following replacement paragraphs, which contain markings to show changes relative to the previous version of these paragraphs:

After the lifting beams **14** are installed as illustrated in Figure 4, the lifting beams **14** are raised by the lifting beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **44** as illustrated in Figure 5. The lifting beams **14** are raised sufficiently to raise each of the basket assembly support disks **2** above the base **12** of the basket assembly fixture **10**. Because of the excessive weight of the basket assembly support disks **2**, both lifting beams **14** tend to sag slightly at their centers.

The next step is illustrated in Figure 6 wherein the sag in each of the lifting beams **14** is taken out by raising the transverse beam **16** using the transverse beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **58**.

Next, each of the support disks **2** is vertically aligned using the alignment measuring means, the lifting beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **44** and the transverse beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **58**. In embodiments wherein the vertical alignment measuring means **62** comprises a pair of tight wire assemblies **64**, the vertical alignment of each of the support disks **2** is compared to the horizontally disposed length of wire **66** (see Figure 7). To the extent that vertical adjustment is required, such adjustment can be accomplished by raising or lowering the lifting beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **44** and/or the transverse beam elevator ~~raising means~~ **58**.

Similarly, the lateral alignment of the plurality of support disks **2** is accomplished using the aligner ~~alignment measuring means~~ **62** and the lifting beam lateral shifter ~~shifting means~~ **48**. Where the aligner ~~lateral alignment measuring means~~ **62** is provided by a tight wire assembly **64**, the lateral alignment of each support disk **2** is aligned with the length of wire **66** (again, see Figure 7). To the extent that adjustment is necessary, such adjustment can be accomplished using the lifting beam lateral shifter ~~shifting means~~ **48** to shift the lifting beams **14** either to one side or to the other.